4 months on each occasion. The extended period is presently due to expire on 12-5-1991.

(c) The Administrator of the Union Territory of Delhi is appointed by the President. The appointment of the Chief Secretary and the Police Commissioner is done by the competent authority after due considerations.

Implementation of Ishwari Prasad Committee report

*51. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government have taken so far to implement the Ishwari Prasad Committee recommendations on medical and other allowances to the working journalists and other newspaper staff;

(b) if no decision has been taken so far on the recommendations, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the National Union of Journalists and others have charged that the employers were seeking to get the report supressed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) and (b) The Government have constituted an Empowered Committee to process the recommendations of the Expert Committee for Newspaper Employees.

(c) No such representation has been received.

Investment by Government in sick Public Undertakings

*52. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the total investment made by Government in sick Public Sector Undertakings during the last 3 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): There were 62 Central Public Sector Undertaking which had incurred continuous cash losses during the last three years. The net investment made by the Central Government including investment made through its holding companies during the last three years is given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

1987-88	491.16
1988-89	705.84
1989-90	1332.24

Bomb Blasts in Delhi

*53. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of bomb blasts took place in Delhi in January, 1991, particularly near Tis Hazari Court, near the Police Head Quarters, inside a cinema hall in Chandni Chowk and at Janpath;

(b) if so, details of the damage caused to buildings and other properties and the number of persons injured and killed in these incidents;

(c) whether any compensation has been paid to the victims;

(d) whether any enquiry has been conducted in each case and whether any arrests have been made;

(e) whether a 'red alert' is continuously kept up in Delhi, particularly, in sensitive areas, to prevent such incidents in time

(f) the details of the security steps being taken in the light of part (a) above and

(g) the number of bomb explosions that have occurred in the capital and the cases solved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) 5 incidents of bomb-blast took place in Delhi during January 1991.

(b) 2 persons were killed and 65 were injured in these bomb blasts. The details are given below:—

(1) On 17-1-1991 an explosion took place at Janpath PS Connaught Place. Some of the shops were damaged.

(2) On 22-1-91 a bomb blast took place near Tis Hazari District Court. One person was killed and 53 persons were injured. Three two-wheelers scooters were damaged.

(3) On 22-1-1991 an explosion took place near Police Headquarters PS I.P. Estate. 5 persons were injured. 9 scooters were damaged and the loss of property was reported at approximately Rs. 50,000/-.

(4) On 25-1-1991 a bomb blast took place near Jai Parkash Narayan hospital PS Daryaganj. One person was injured.

(5) On 27-1-91 a bomb explosion took place in Jubilee Cinema PS Kotwali. One person was killed and 6 persons were injured. Damage to property was reported at about 40,000/-.

(c) The cases of grant of ex-gratia relief to victims are under process by the Delhi Administration.

(d) Cases have been registered in respect of all these incidents by the Delhi Police for investigation.

(e) and (f) The following measures have been taken to check such incidents in the future:—

(i) Anti-terrorist Cells have been formed in each Police District to collect intelligence about such activities by terrorists.

(ii) Armed pickets are being deployed at vulnerable points.

(iii) Intensive patrolling is being carried out.

(iv) Photos of terrorists have been shown to the staff and they have been suitably briefed.

(v) Literature is being distributed amongst the people to be vigilant. Announcements on precautions to be taken are being made from police vehicles and also over the TV/Radio and the press.

(vi) Spotters have been deployed at vulnerable points.

(vii) Regular checking of suspected persons/vehicles is being done.

(viii) Photos of known terrorits have been displayed at public places.

(ix) Wide publicity is being given in the newspapers, TV and Radio.

(x) More than 300 police Control Room vehicles have been stationd at various strategic places in the Capital to check shoot-outs by the terrorists.

The Police have reported that red alert is clamped when there is information of imminent threat.

(g) Ten incidents of bomb blasts took place in 1990 and five in 1991. The Delhi police have been able to identify the suspects in nine of the incidents relating to 1990.

Strengthening of Public sector undertakings

*54. SHRI JAGESH DESAI:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what action Government propose to take to strengthen Public Sector Undertakings and to eliminate, or reduce inefficiency and resultant losses; and

(b) whether Government are contemplating on the private participation in the equity of public sector undertakings, if so, on what terms?